

ELMA WELL REPRESENTED AT EMPACT AMERICA CONFERENCE

Representatives from around the nation and the world attended a two day conference in Niagara Falls to better understand the catastrophic effects an electromagnetic pulse could cause for our nation, and its communities.

The conference stemmed from the concern of Henry Schwartz, CEO, Steuben Foods in Elma. It's objective was to inform local Government officials and citizens of a better understanding of the threat and how to protect our infrastructures. Electromagnetic pulse (EMP) occurs when a solar flare or a high altitude nuclear weapon is exploded at high altitude above the United States and interacts with the earth's atmosphere, ionosphere, and magnetic field to produce an EMP radiating down to the earth.

Weapons designed and deployed with the intent to produce EMP have a high likelihood of damaging electrical power systems, electronics, and information systems upon which our American society depends.

The primary avenues for catastrophic damage to the nation are through our electric power infrastructure and telecommunications, energy, and other



Elma Town Supervisor Michael Nolan, speaks on protecting the infrastructure of our communities, during the Empact America Conference held in Niagara Falls. Representatives from around the world attended the two day event, learning about protecting the American people from a nuclear and natural electromagnetic pulse (EMP).

infrastructures. These in turn, can seriously impact other important aspects of our nation's life, including the financial system; means of getting food, water and medical care to the citizenry; trade; production of goods and services. The recovery of any one of the key national infrastructures is dependent on the recovery of others. The longer the outage the more problematic and uncertain the recovery will be.

Elma Town Supervisor, Michael Nolan, and Elma's Disaster Coordinator, Edward Sauer, addressed the protection of the Town of Elma's infrastructure if such an event might occur.

For more information on Empact America, and EMP you may visit their web site at www.empactamerica.org

Pie Baking Contest Entry Form

Pumpkin Festival

All pie entries should be dropped off at the Elma Senior Center, on the day of the Pumpkin Festival, **October 3rd, 2009 no later than 3:00 pm.**

Clip and mail this entry form no later than **October 1st** to: Mrs. JoAnn Schaefer, 850 N. Davis Rd., Elma, NY 14059

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TYPE OF PIE _____

PHONE _____ ☐ Child ☐ Adult

- Pie contents must be fresh fruit ingredients.
- Crust must be homemade
- Use disposable containers.
- Pies will become the property of the Pumpkin Festival.
- Contest open to **Elma Residents** only.



Town of Elma
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UP DATE

Michael P. Nolan
Supervisor
Dennis M. Powers, Councilman
Susan B. Glownia, Councilwoman
Dean S. Puleo, Councilman
David W. Polak, Councilman

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Annual Pumpkin Fest Planned for Oct. 3rd

Plans for this year's sixth Annual Pumpkin Fest at Elma Village Green Park are complete according to co-chairs Kathy Pierce and Marlene Baumgartner. The park is located on Bowen Road between Chairfactory Rd. and Clinton St. behind the Town of Elma Museum and next to the Elma Senior Center.

Sponsored by the Town of Elma, the event is free and is designed to give children the opportunity to enjoy pumpkin carving, games, hay rides and refreshments in a safe and festive atmosphere.

Hawk Creek will be there as well as a magician, face painting and a bouncy house. Don't forget to take a chance on counting the candy corn in the jar that the Wizard and Scarecrow will have.

Last year's Festival drew over two thousand children and adults. Due to the limited number of pumpkins available, it's important to keep in mind that the pumpkins are for the children only.

As you enter the park each child will be given an orange ticket for a pumpkin and a ticket for a chance to win a bicycle. One bike will be awarded to a boy and one to a girl. Adults will be given a ticket for a chance on the theme basket and afghan raffles. Hot dogs will be provided by the Elma Fire Department,

and chili will be provided by the Jamison Road Fire Department and popcorn, courtesy of Elma Hardware.

Elma residents are encouraged to enter the pie contest which is open to adults and children. The applications for the pie contest are due no later than October 1st, and may be found on page four of this issue. Applications will also be at the Town Hall. In addition, children, K-3 and special needs, will have the opportunity to enter a coloring contest through the primary schools. Pictures will be picked up from the schools on October 1st.

The Committee looks forward to this year's event and wishes everyone attending to have a good time and take advantage of the Elma Village Green Park's country atmosphere.



SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION NOTICE

That the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Iroquois Central School District and the Elma Residents located in the East Aurora Union Free School District and the Orchard Park Central School District, having received the tax roll and warrant for the school year 2009-2010, will collect same on the following days and times at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York.

September 15, 2009 thru October 9, 2009, Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Closed Monday, October 12, 2009.

October 13th, 14th, and October 15th, 2009, Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00AM to 6:00PM.

School Taxes 2009-2010

Date Tax is due without penalty: October 15, 2009

**Penalty October 16, 2009 thru October 31, 2009: 7.5%

**Penalty November 1, 2009 thru December 1, 2009: 9.0%

My Warrant to collect School Taxes ends December 1, 2009.

Please note that under the law, you are responsible to pay your taxes on a timely basis even if you have not physically received a tax bill. Any payments bearing a US postmark dated after the deadline will be charged a penalty. Meter postmarks are not acceptable. No postmark on an envelope will be stamped on the day received and posted, penalty may apply, and the date on a check is not acceptable as a timely payment.

Patricia A. King
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Elma

Archaeological Dig
by Scout Troop 230



Boy Scout Troop 290 digs in the area of the newly constructed saw mill, looking for any artifacts that might be left at the site from the 1800s.

Several artifacts were uncovered from the area which included old bottles, nails and wooden beams used in the original Briggs Mill. The wood uncovered showed charred areas which indicates that the middle 1800s saw mill might have been destroyed by fire.

The project was the conception of Evan Redlinski of Elma for his Eagle project. Aiding in the project included Duane Redlinski, Doug Blocho, Tim Mather, Jack Crimmer, Kevin and Andre Zeis, Cory Adamczak, Chris Waver and Misha Schneckenger.

The Historical Society reminds visitors to enjoy the progress of the mill site and please respect any items that might be laying around, including lumber. Any materials at the mill are for use in its construction and are the property of the Historical Society. Also please do not leave any trash behind.

Elma Public Library	
Winter Hours	
Monday	1-9pm
Tuesday	10am-6pm
Wednesday	1-9pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10am-9pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	Closed

Town Events at The Elma Village Green Park



Trevor Muller and Conran Warchocki of Cub Scout Pack 281 advertised hot dogs and corn during the Terry Buchwald Concert.



Lt. Matt Martin of the Elma Volunteer Fire Company shows Lt. Michael Scamacca of Elma the art of using a fire hose during Elma's Night Out.



Jonathan Dubize, of Elma, enjoys a moment in the driver's seat of Elma Fire Company's fire truck at Elma's Night Out.

Elma Seniors donate proceeds to Historical Society



Trudy Weber, President of Elma Seniors, presents Marlene Baumgartner, President of the Elma Historical Society, with a donation to the Society from the proceeds of a bake goods sale held during Elma Historical Society's Barn Dance at the Society's saw mill.



Attendance at the Town of Elma Concerts on the Green were well above 3,600. The above photo shows a portion of the 800 plus people that attended Terry Buchwald's "Elvis" concert.



Terry Buchwald gets some assistance from members of the audience for his rendition of Elvis's "Blue Hawaii"

The 2009 summer concerts at Elma Village Green proved to be our Town's best ever, with over 3,600 in attendance for the seven week series. Concerts at the Green are funded by the Town of Elma and in part by the Western New York Arts Council.

This year's concerts opened with the country group "Ghost Riders" and a chicken BBQ by the Elma Historical Society.

Local nonprofit groups provided refreshments and were very pleased with the support shown by the concert supporters. Requests are already being made for next year's series.

Weather proved to be sunny and warm

with the exception of the Auslanders concert in July. Thanks to the Elma Seniors, the Auslanders were able to hold the concert inside the Senior Center.

The Concert Committee, Joan Wood, Gary Haas, Joyce Zimmerman and Kenny Schaff, is in the process of planning next year's events and is working on having the community's favorites back again, including some new additions.

In its second year, "Elma Night Out" attracted over five hundred children and parents who were able to view Elma's emergency equipment, and learn how to protect themselves against crime.

The Town of Elma's fire companies,

Jamison, Spring Brook, Blossom, and Elma Fire gave the people a close up view of their rescue equipment. The New York State Police displayed its roll over car.

Elma Night Out is sponsored by the Town of Elma, Elma's Community Emergency Response Team and local fire companies to foster awareness about crime and safety. Hot dogs were provided by the Elma Fire Company.

The final Town event at the park for 2009 will be the Annual Pumpkin Fest on October 3rd. This fun filled day is especially created for the children to enjoy a fall festive event of pumpkin carving, games and fun.